

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning AB 2234 without my signature.

While I recognize the valuable contribution that the World War II Aviation Museum plays in preserving a significant part of aviation history, I am unable to grant the museum a special exemption from long-standing criteria for highway signage.

The California Department of Transportation has established criteria for highway signage for the purpose of determining when destination signage should be used to direct motorists to points of interest. Because the primary purpose of destination signage is traffic management, signs are typically provided only for points of interest that are determined to be significant traffic generators. In the case of museums within urbanized areas, this is determined by a minimum annual attendance of 500,000 persons. Unfortunately, the World War II Aviation Museum's annual attendance does not fulfill this criterion.

While I strongly support this worthy organization, granting a special exemption in this case would unfairly disadvantage the many other equally worthy organizations that would not get their own signage. Therefore, I regretfully return this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger